

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

England & Wales · Charity number 1089306

Details

Other names FRIENDS OF EAST SUSSEX HOSPICES

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-11-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ("THE OBJECTS") ARE TO ASSIST IN THE TREATMENT AND CARE OF PEOPLE LIVING(PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY) IN EAST SUSSEX, WEST SUSSEX AND BRIGHTON & HOVE SUFFERING FROM OLDAGE, SICKNESS, POOR HEALTH AND TERMINAL ILLNESS BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HOSPICES AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO THOSE PEOPLE, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR CARERS, WHETHER THE HOSPICES OR SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS ARE LOCATED IN THESE AREAS OR NOT AND TO GENERALLY SUPPORT HOSPICES AND ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY RAISING AWARENESS OF THE WORK UNDERTAKEN BY HOSPICES.

Activities: Friends of Sussex Hospices is a registered charity raising funds for the hospices serving the people of East and West Sussex and Brighton and Hove

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EAST SUSSEX, WEST SUSSEX AND BRIGHTON & HOVE
- Brighton And Hove
- East Sussex
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£212,072	£205,525	-	-
2024-03-31	£135,313	£103,552	-	-
2023-03-31	£202,395	£196,206	-	-
2022-03-31	£101,809	£133,170	-	-
2021-03-31	£172,799	£143,066	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew John Hicks		2022-08-19
Chantal Francoise Wilson		2022-10-14
Diane Patricia Akers		2023-10-06
Dr Ian Brinsmead Gough		2023-04-12
Heather Elizabeth Woolcott		2024-12-02
Helen Lorraine Searle		2019-10-02
Simon Thomas Baer		2022-08-19

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND AUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	Helen Searle, Chairperson Simon Baer Andrew Hicks, Treasurer Chantal Wilson Dr Ian Gough Patricia Akers Heather Woolcott (Appointed 2 nd December 2024) Dr David Scott (Retired 2nd December 2024)
Charity number	1089306
Principal office	The Granary, Cornfords Yard, High Street, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1RJ
Independent Examiner	Simon Barden BSc FCCA 25 Coast Road Pevensey Bay, East Sussex, TN24 6NX
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4TA Metro Bank PLC One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Friends of Sussex Hospices (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing 1 January 2019).

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The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Declaration of Trust, which was adopted in August 2001 and amended in June 2012.

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The Trustees of the charity meet at least four times a year to discuss all aspects and functions of the charity. Decisions regarding the charity are made by the Trustees at these meetings. The volunteers of the charity are organised through the Friends of Sussex Hospices Management Committee, which consists of members appointed to the committee with particular areas of responsibility for events and their support with a chairman appointed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Friends of Sussex Hospices is a charity whose objects are to raise funds and invite and encourage contributions to relieve patients of hospices which treat patients in Sussex and to support the charitable work of these hospices.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. They have also considered the Charity Governance Code; actions were noted, followed through, and will be kept under review by the Governance Committee. The Trustees embrace the challenges set down in the document.

Achievements and performance

The charity through its programme of fund-raising activities during the year raised a total of incoming resources amounting to £212,072 (2024: £135,313). These included donations of £96,707 (2024: £68,415) and legacies which amounted to £0 (2024: £0).

The contribution made by all our supporters enabled £140,000 (2024: £60,000) to be distributed to the hospices during the year.

Financial review and Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that, to safeguard and maintain the operation of the charity's activities, the charity's funds should be sufficient in the trustees' view to enable contractual commitments to future events to be met in full and any costs of ending current operations. As of 31 March 2025, the charity had funds of £60,697 (2024: £54,150) which in the Trustees' view exceed the necessary level required.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Going Concern

Taking into consideration the Charity's reserves and the costs of future fundraising events, the Trustees believe that the Charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and therefore have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 6th October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Helen Searle

Helen Searle
Chairperson

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Friends of Sussex Hospices (FSH) continues to raise money to support the provision of hospice care in the counties of East and West Sussex. This year has seen a significant increase in both fundraising events income and donations.

During the year we had 4 major fund raising events; the Gruffalo event was repeated again this year at Framfield Grange. 2 events in the summer with a cabaret evening with Jon Caulshaw (amongst others) and a 'Shakespeare in a Suitcase' performance with the year finishing with the ever popular Christmas Fair at East Sussex National Resort. These events were in addition to the regular quarterly lunch clubs and other smaller fundraising activities. We thank all of those that supported these events and the loyal band of volunteers who run them all successfully.

During the year David Scott stepped down as chairman of the trust, we thank him for his invaluable service over many years. Helen Searle is currently acting as chairperson. We also welcomed Heather Woolcott to the board as a trustee.

The Board of Trustees met regularly during the year and a several fund-raising events were held.

It has been another challenging year for the hospices across Sussex, and we are pleased to have been able to support their work to the tune of £140,000 during the year.

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Friends of Sussex Hospices and we will be pleased to celebrate the fantastic work of our predecessors. My thanks go to all my fellow trustees and all our supporters for their continued generosity and the effort which they have made to raise funds and help to raise much-needed funds for the hospices in Sussex.

Helen Searle

Helen Searle
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:

Dated: 11th January 2026

Simon Barden BSc FCCA
25 Coast Road
Pevensey Bay,
East Sussex, TN24 6NX

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Income on:			
Incoming resources from generated funds:			
Voluntary income	2	96,678	68,288
Direct donations	2/5	29	127
Legacies	2	0	0
Activities for generating funds	3	115,052	66,887
Investment income	4	313	11
Total incoming resources		212,072	135,313
Expenditure on:			
Fundraising expenses and other costs	3	65,525	43,552
Distributions to hospices	5	140,000	60,000
Direct Donations	5	0	0
Total resources expended		205,525	103,552
Movement in total funds for the year			
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	6	6,547	31,761
Total funds at 1 April 2024		54,150	22,389
Total funds at 31 March 2025		60,697	54,150

All funds are unrestricted. Income received for a specific hospice is accounted for within unrestricted funds, if all the funds received are paid over to that hospice before the Charity's year end.

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025
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	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank		62,651	56,471
Stock	7	2,621	2,316
Debtors	8	3,811	8,579
		<u>69,083</u>	<u>67,376</u>
Creditors: falling due within one year	9	-8,386	-
			<u>13,226</u>
Net current assets		<u>60,697</u>	<u>54,150</u>
Net assets		<u>60,697</u>	<u>54,150</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	60,697	54,150
			<u>54,150</u>
Total funds		<u><u>60,697</u></u>	<u><u>54,150</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6th October 2025 and signed on their behalf, by:

Helen Searle

Helen Searle,
Chairperson

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Friends of Sussex Hospices meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about Friends of Sussex Hospices ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2 Voluntary income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	96,678	68,288
Direct donations (also note 5)	29	127
Legacies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>96,707</u>	<u>68,415</u>

3 Fundraising activities

	Fundraising income	Fundraising expenditure	Surplus 2025	Surplus 2024
	£	£	£	£
Events and Functions	<u>115,052</u>	<u>-60,020</u>	<u>55,032</u>	<u>29,015</u>
2024	<u>66,887</u>	<u>-35,989</u>	<u>29,015</u>	

4 Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest received	<u>313</u>	<u>11</u>

5 Distribution to hospices

	2025	2024
	£	£
Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice	3,684	1,106
St Catherine's Hospice	17,491	6,552
St Wilfrid's Hospice - Eastbourne	19,892	8,863
Hospice in the Weald	3,194	1,375
St. Peter and St. James Hospice	11,468	3,994
The Martlets Hospice	21,577	9,028
St Michael's Hospice	20,609	9,578
Demelza Hospice Care for Children	1,157	418
Leo House at Home	0	600
The Sussex Snowdrop Trust	1,056	407
The Sussex Beacon	4,414	1,441
St Barnabas House	23,249	10,811
St Wilfrid's Hospice - Chichester	12,209	5,826

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Total

140,000

60,000

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

6 Net income

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2024 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2024 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2024 - £NIL).

7 Stock

	2025	2024
	£	£
Goods for resale	<u>2,621</u>	<u>2,326</u>

8 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gift aid receivable	3,811	8,579
Prepaid & income due	0	0
	<u>3,811</u>	<u>8,579</u>

9 Creditors:

Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income in advance and accruals	8,386	13,226
	<u>8,386</u>	<u>13,226</u>

Deferred income and expenditure relate to events which take place after the financial year end.

10 Statement of funds

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	<u>54,150</u>	<u>212,072</u>	<u>202,525</u>	<u>60,697</u>

11 Related Parties Transactions

No transactions with related parties took place during the year (2024 – Nil).

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The contribution made by all our supporters enabled £60,000 (2022: £160,000) to be distributed to the hospices during the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 2nd December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Dr David Scott,
Chairman

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

Our fundraising activities during the year continued to make a steady and slow recovery, although are still not at pre-pandemic levels. Friends of Sussex Hospices (FSH) continues to raise money to support the provision of hospice care in the counties of East and West Sussex.

During the year Chris Stebbing stepped down as a trustee and treasurer, with Andrew Hicks taking over as treasurer. Diane Akers was appointed as a new trustee and Dr Ian Gough returned as a trustee.

The Board of Trustees met regularly during the year and a several fund-raising events were held.

For the second time, the Gruffalo Event was held over two days at Framfield Grange, courtesy of Kathy Gore, and raised £8,000. The Christmas Fair was again held at the East Sussex National Resort and was very successful. The Mega March Hospice Quiz this year was again organised by The Alliance of Chambers in East Sussex (ACES), on behalf of FSH, and raised approximately £2,000.

People have been kept in touch with the progress of the charity during the year by email, social media and the website.

It has been another challenging year but one which has confirmed that the fundraising activities of FSH are appreciated, and its continuation is supported by the hospices and people in Sussex.

My thanks go to all my fellow trustees and all our supporters for their continued generosity and the effort which they have made to raise funds and help to raise much-needed funds for the hospices in Sussex.



David J Scott
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:

Dated: 7th October 2024

Simon Barden BSc FCCA
The Vicarage,
Old Heathfield,
Heathfield,
East Sussex, TN21 9AB

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Income on:			
Incoming resources from generated funds:			
Voluntary income	2	68,288	136,957
Direct donations	2/5	127	217
Legacies	2	0	168
Activities for generating funds	3	66,887	65,004
Investment income	4	11	49
Total incoming resources		135,313	202,395
Expenditure on:			
Fundraising expenses and other costs	3	43,552	35,989
Distributions to hospices	5	60,000	160,000
Direct Donations	5	0	217
Total resources expended		103,552	196,206
Movement in total funds for the year			
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	6	31,761	6,189
Total funds at 1 April 2023		22,389	16,200
Total funds at 31 March 2024		54,150	22,389

All funds are unrestricted. Income received for a specific hospice is accounted for within unrestricted funds, if all the funds received are paid over to that hospice before the Charity's year end.

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024
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	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank		56,471	11,499
Stock	7	2,326	3,785
Debtors	8	8,579	10,245
		<u>67,376</u>	<u>25,529</u>
Creditors: falling due within one year	9	- 13,226	-3,140
Net current assets		<u>54,150</u>	<u>22,389</u>
Net assets		<u>54,150</u>	<u>22,389</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	54,150	22,389
Total funds		<u>54,150</u>	<u>22,389</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 16th September 2024 and signed on their behalf, by:



David J Scott,
Chairman

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FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Friends of Sussex Hospices meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about Friends of Sussex Hospices ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2 Voluntary income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	68,288	136,957
Direct donations (also note 5)	127	217
Legacies	<u>0</u>	<u>168</u>
	<u>68,415</u>	<u>137,342</u>

3 Fundraising activities

	Fundraising income	Fundraising expenditure	Surplus 2024	Surplus 2023
	£	£	£	£
Events and Functions	<u>66,887</u>	<u>-35,989</u>	<u>29,015</u>	<u>21,452</u>
2023	<u>65,004</u>	<u>-43,552</u>	<u>21,452</u>	

4 Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest received	<u>11</u>	<u>49</u>

5 Distribution to hospices

	2024	2023
	£	£
Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice	1,106	2,949
St Catherine's Hospice	6,552	17,473
St Wilfrid's Hospice - Eastbourne	8,863	23,634
Hospice in the Weald	1,375	3668
St. Peter and St. James Hospice	3,994	10,651
The Martlets Hospice	9,028	24,075
St Michael's Hospice	9,578	25,542
Demelza Hospice Care for Children	418	1115
Leo House at Home	600	1,599
The Sussex Snowdrop Trust	407	1086
The Sussex Beacon	1,441	3,844
St Barnabas House	10,811	28,828
St Wilfrid's Hospice - Chichester	5,826	15,536
Total	<u>60,000</u>	<u>160,000</u>

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6 Net income

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2023 - £NIL).

7 Stock

	2024	2023
	£	£
Goods for resale	<u>2,326</u>	<u>3,786</u>

8 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift aid receivable	8,579	7,781
Prepaid & income due	0	2,464
	<u>10,245</u>	<u>10,245</u>

9 Creditors:

Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income in advance and accruals	13,226	3,140
	<u>13,226</u>	<u>3,140</u>

Deferred income and expenditure relate to events which take place after the financial year end.

10 Statement of funds

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	<u>22,389</u>	<u>135,313</u>	<u>103,552</u>	<u>54,150</u>

11 Related Parties Transactions

No transactions with related parties took place during the year (2023 – Nil).

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

England & Wales - Charity number 1089306

Accounts

Charity number: 1089306

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES
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FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

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FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees	Dr David Scott, Chairman Helen Searle Christopher Stebbing, Treasurer Simon Baer (Appointed 19th August 2022) Andrew Hicks (Appointed 19th August 2022) Chantal Wilson (Appointed 14th October 2022) Dr Ian Gough (Appointed 12th April 2023) Christine Field (Retired 12th December 2022) Daphne Slator (Retired 5th September 2022)
Charity number	1089306
Principal office	The Granary, Cornfords Yard, High Street, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1RJ
Independent Examiner	Simon Barden BSc FCCA The Vicarage, Old Heathfield, Heathfield, East Sussex, TN21 9AB
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4TA Metro Bank PLC One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Friends of Sussex Hospices (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance, and management

a. Constitution

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Declaration of Trust, which was adopted in August 2001 and amended in June 2012.

b. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The charity's constitution requires at least three trustees. Upon the resignation of any of the current trustees, the remaining trustees will invite nominations for new trustees. These nominations would be voted on at a Special Meeting of the Trustees and the appointment would be made at this meeting. The charity has a succession policy ensuring the Board of Trustees has the right skills mix. The Board of Trustees maintains a skills matrix of all Trustees to identify any shortfall in desired competencies.

The Trustees of the charity meet at least four times a year to discuss all aspects and functions of the charity. Decisions regarding the charity are made by the Trustees at these meetings. The volunteers of the charity are organised through the Friends of Sussex Hospices Management Committee, which consists of members appointed to the committee with particular areas of responsibility for events and their support with a chairman appointed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Friends of Sussex Hospices is a charity whose objects are to raise funds and invite and encourage contributions to relieve patients of hospices which treat patients in Sussex and to support the charitable work of these hospices.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. They have also considered the Charity Governance Code; actions were noted, followed through, and will be kept under review by the Governance Committee. The Trustees embrace the challenges set down in the document.

Achievements and performance

The charity through its programme of fund-raising activities during the year raised a total of incoming resources amounting to £202,395 (2022: £101,809). These included donations of £137,174 (2022: £74,750) and legacies which amounted to £168 (2022: £5,000).

The contribution made by all our supporters enabled £160,000 (2022: £120,000) to be distributed to the hospices during the year.

Financial review and Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that, to safeguard and maintain the operation of the charity's activities, the charity's funds should be sufficient in the trustees' view to enable contractual commitments to future events to be met in full and any costs of ending current operations. As of 31 March 2023, the charity had funds of £22,389 (2022: £16,200) which in the Trustees' view exceed the necessary level required.

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Covid-19

Due to government restrictions to combat the Covid-19 pandemic during the period 2020 to 2022, the Trustees had to curtail the number of events. As the charity is run by volunteers, including the Trustees, most of its costs relate to specific events it holds and if these were cancelled or postponed only minimal costs were incurred and there have been no ongoing consequences on costs or for the charity generally.

Going Concern

Whilst the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has been continually assessed by the Trustees, so far as reasonably possible, due to its unprecedented impact on the economy it is difficult to evaluate with any certainty the potential outcomes on the Charity's future activities. However, taking into consideration the Charity's reserves, the Trustees believe that the Charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and therefore have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Trustees' responsibilities statement

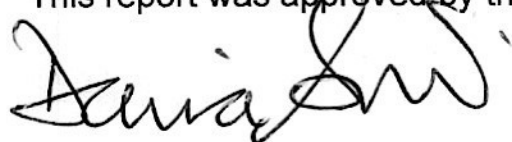
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 4 Sept 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr David Scott,
Chairman

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Our fundraising activities during the year made a steady and slow recovery. Despite the additional challenge of the 'Cost of Living Crisis', the Friends of Sussex Hospices (FSH) continued to raise money to support the provision of hospice care in the counties of East and West Sussex.

In October 2022 the trustees appointed Chris Lawson to the role of Head of Fundraising and Management and Chairman of the Management Committee. He brings a wealth of experience and is well connected with the business community through his role in the Uckfield Chamber of Commerce.

During the year Daphne Slator and Christine Field stepped down as trustees, having completed their terms of office, and Simon Baer and Andrew Field were appointed as new trustees. Chantal Wilson returned as a trustee, with a view of taking over as Chairman of the Governance Committee, as it was felt inappropriate for this role to be taken by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees met regularly during the year and several fund-raising events were held.

For the first time, the Gruffalo Event was held over two days at Framfield Grange, courtesy of Kathy Gore, and raised over £7,000. The Christmas Fair moved to a new venue at the East Sussex National Resort successfully raising £10,000. A black-tie Dinner and auction at Buxted Park Hotel in February raised £18,000. The Mega March Hospice Quiz this year was organised by The Alliance of Chambers in East Sussex (ACES), on behalf of FSH, and raised over £2,000.

People have been kept in touch with the progress of the charity during the year by email, social media, and the website.

Despite the reduction in traditional fundraising activities, a total of £166,189 (2022 - £88,639) was raised enabling us to distribute £160,000 (2022 - £120,000) to the hospices during the year. Once again over 75% of this total has come in the form of grants, donations and in memoriam contributions from individuals, groups, and trusts.

It has been another challenging year but one which has confirmed that the fundraising activities of FSH are appreciated, and its continuation is supported by the hospices and people in Sussex.

My thanks go to all my fellow trustees and all our supporters for their continued generosity and the effort which they have made to raise funds and help to raise much-needed funds for the hospices in Sussex.

David J Scott
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

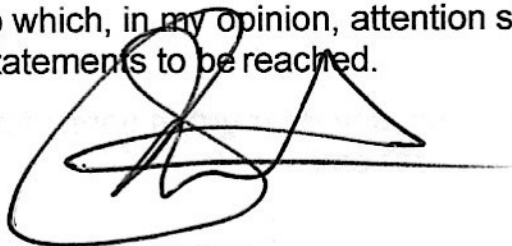
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:



Dated: 7/09/2023

Simon Barden BSc FCCA
The Vicarage,
Old Heathfield,
Heathfield,
East Sussex, TN21 9AB

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

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	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Income on:			
Incoming resources from generated funds:			
Voluntary income	2	136,957	73,637
Direct donations	2/5	217	1,113
Legacies	2	168	5,000
Activities for generating funds	3	65,004	22,057
Investment income	4	49	2
Total incoming resources		<u>202,395</u>	<u>101,809</u>
Expenditure on:			
Fundraising expenses and other costs	3	35,989	12,057
Distributions to hospices	5	160,000	120,000
Direct Donations	5	217	1,113
Total resources expended		<u>196,206</u>	<u>133,170</u>
Movement in total funds for the year			
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	6	6,189	(33,161)
Total funds at 1 April 2022		16,200	47,561
Total funds at 31 March 2023		<u>22,389</u>	<u>16,200</u>

All funds are unrestricted. Income received for a specific hospice is accounted for within unrestricted funds, if all the funds received are paid over to that hospice before the Charity's year end.

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FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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Current assets			
Cash at bank		11,499	21,286
Stock	7	3,785	-
Debtors	8	10,245	4,143
		<u>25,529</u>	<u>25,429</u>
Creditors: falling due within one year	9	(3,140)	(9,229)
		<u>22,389</u>	<u>16,200</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>22,389</u>	<u>16,200</u>
Net assets		<u>22,389</u>	<u>16,200</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	22,389	16,200
		<u>22,389</u>	<u>16,200</u>
Total funds		<u>22,389</u>	<u>16,200</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 4 Sept 2023 and signed on their behalf, by:



David J Scott,
Chairman

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FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

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All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

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Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Voluntary income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	136,957	73,637
Direct donations (also note 5)	217	1,113
Legacies	<u>168</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>137,342</u>	<u>79,750</u>

3. Fundraising activities

	Fundraising income	Fundraising expenditure	Surplus 2023	Surplus 2022
	£	£	£	£
Events and Functions	<u>65,004</u>	<u>(35,989)</u>	<u>29,015</u>	<u>10,000</u>
2022	<u>22,057</u>	<u>(12,057)</u>	<u>10,000</u>	

4. Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest received	<u>49</u>	<u>2</u>

5. Distribution to hospices

	2023	2022
	£	£
Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice	2,949	2,212
St Catherine's Hospice	17,473	13,105
St Wilfrid's Hospice - Eastbourne	23,634	17,726
Hospice in the Weald	3,668	2751
St. Peter and St. James Hospice	10,651	7,988
The Martlets Hospice	24,075	18,056
St Michael's Hospice	25,542	19,156
Demelza Hospice Care for Children	1,115	836
Leo House at Home	1,599	1,199
The Sussex Snowdrop Trust	1,086	814
The Sussex Beacon	3,844	2,883
St Barnabas House	28,828	21,622
St Wilfrid's Hospice - Chichester	15,536	11,652
	<u>160,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>
Total		

In addition, donations of £217 (2022 £1,113) were received for specific hospices, as part of the charity's fundraising which were passed directly to those charities.

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6. Net income

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2022 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2022 - £NIL).

7. Stock

	2023	2022
	£	£
Goods for resale	<u>3,785</u>	<u>-</u>

8. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift aid receivable	7,781	2,476
Prepaid & income due	2,464	1,667
	<u>10,245</u>	<u>4,143</u>

9. Creditors:

Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income in advance and accruals	3,140	9,229
	<u>3,140</u>	<u>9,229</u>

Deferred income and expenditure relate to events which take place after the financial year end.

10. Statement of funds

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	<u>16,200</u>	<u>202,395</u>	<u>196,206</u>	<u>22,389</u>

11. Related Parties Transactions

No transactions with related parties took place during the year (2022 – Nil).

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

England & Wales - Charity number 1089306

Accounts

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**FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY,
ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Trustees Dr David Scott, Chairman
Christine Field
Helen Searle
Daphne Slator (Retired 5th September 2022)
Christopher Stebbing, Treasurer
Marion Shepherd DL (Retired 13 December 2021)
Simon Baer (Appointed 19th August 2022)
Andrew Hicks (Appointed 19th August 2022)
Chantal Wilson (Appointed 14th October 2022)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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The charity's constitution requires at least three trustees. Upon the resignation of any of the current trustees, the remaining trustees will invite nominations for new trustees. These nominations would be voted on at a Special Meeting of the Trustees and the appointment would be made at this meeting. The charity has a succession policy ensuring the Board of Trustees has the right skills mix. The Board of Trustees maintains a skills matrix of all Trustees to identify any shortfall in desired competencies.

The Trustees of the charity meet at least four times a year to discuss all aspects and functions of the charity. Decisions regarding the charity are made by the Trustees at these meetings. The volunteers of the charity are organised through the Friends of Sussex Hospices Management Committee, which consists of members appointed to the committee with particular areas of responsibility for events and their support with a chairman appointed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Friends of Sussex Hospices is a charity whose objects are to raise funds and invite and encourage contributions to relieve patients of hospices which treat patients in Sussex and to support the charitable work of these hospices.

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Achievements and performance

The charity through its programme of fund-raising activities during the year raised a total of incoming resources amounting to £101,809 (2021: £172,799). These included donations of £74,750 (2021: £155,783) and legacies which amounted to £5,000 (2021: £10,000).

The contribution made by all our supporters enabled £120,000 (2021: £130,000) to be distributed to the hospices during the year.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Financial review and Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that, in order to safeguard and maintain the operation of the charity's activities, the charity's funds should be sufficient in the trustees' view to enable contractual commitments to future events to be met in full and any costs of ending current operations. As at 31 March 2022 the charity had funds of £16,200 (2021: £47,561) which in the Trustees' view exceed the necessary level required.

Covid-19

Due to government restrictions to combat the Covid-19 pandemic, the Trustees decided to cancel or postpone several events. As FSH is run by volunteers, including the Trustees, the majority of its costs relate to specific events it holds and if these are cancelled or postponed only minimal costs have been incurred.

As a consequence a sizeable part of planned income (Activities for Generating Funds) will not materialise, which in turn means that our ability to make distributions to the hospices we support will be compromised.

With the continuing restrictions due to Covid-19 during 2021 the charity has again had to restrict its activities either by using an online alternative or cancelling events entirely. As FSH is run by volunteers, including the Trustees, the majority of its costs relate to specific events it holds and as these are cancelled/postponed only minimal administration costs have been incurred.

As a consequence of these decisions, it is inevitable that a sizeable part of planned income (Activities for Generating Funds) did not materialise, which in turn meant that our ability to make distributions to the Hospices we support have been restricted. However, we are confident that we have maintained sufficient reserves to see us through Covid-19 and support the initiation of events in the coming year.

Going Concern

Whilst the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has been continually assessed by the Trustees, so far as reasonably possible, due to its unprecedented impact on the economy it is difficult to evaluate with any certainty the potential outcomes on the Charity's future activities. However, taking into consideration the Charity's reserves, together with the significant decrease in costs during the pandemic, the Trustees believe that the Charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and therefore have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The impact of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has been assessed by the Trustees, so far as it affects the activities of the charity. However, taking into consideration the Charity's reserves, its level of activities and overheads, the Trustees believe that the Charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and therefore have adopted the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 5th September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Scott', written in a cursive style.

Dr David Scott,
Chairman

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The challenges of 2020/2021 continued throughout the year with the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to disrupt normal fundraising activities. Despite the challenges, the Friends of Sussex Hospices (FSH) continued to raise money to support the provision of hospice care in the Counties of East and West Sussex.

Following a review of the governance of the Charity and its modus operandi, the trustees decided to create a management committee, to take responsibility for the day-to-day running of the charity. The Charity is extremely grateful to Kathy Gore for taking on the role of interim head of fundraising and management and overseeing the transition.

During the year both Eddy Altenhoven and Ian Gough completed their terms as trustees and Marion Shepherd stepped down from her role as head of fundraising, as Vice-chairman of FSH and a trustee. As a longstanding trustee and Vice-chairman of FSH, the Charity is extremely grateful to Marion for her support and wise counsel. Another change to the Board of Trustees was that Christine Field stepped down as chairman in December 2021, although continued as a trustee.

The Board of Trustees met regularly during the year, mainly by videoconference, and, as COVID-19 restrictions eased allowed the resumption of some face-to-face fund-raising events. The Christmas Fair at the South of England Showground, Ardingly was well supported, and an online Mega March Hospice Quiz was again held and, although not as well supported as in the previous year, still raised approximately £3,600. The latter was again a joint venture with some of the 13 hospices who also raised funds directly from the event.

People have been kept in touch with the progress of the charity during the year by email, social media and the website.

Despite the absence of traditional fundraising for much of the time covered by this report, a total of £101,809 has been raised enabling us to distribute £120,000 to the hospices during the year. In the year ending 31 March 2021, we distributed £130,000. Over 75% of this total has come in the form of grants, donations and in memoriam contributions from individuals, groups and trusts. The corresponding figure in the previous year was 50%.

It has been another challenging year but one which has confirmed that the fundraising activities of FSH are appreciated, and its continuation is supported by the hospices and people in Sussex.

My thanks go to all my fellow trustees and all our supporters for their continued generosity and the effort which they have made to raise funds and help to secure the Charity's future.



David J Scott

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:



Dated: 1 November 2022

Lucy Hammond FCA

57 Hillview Crescent
East Preston
West Sussex
BN16 1RG

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Income on:			
Incoming resources from generated funds:			
Voluntary income	2	73,637	151,876
Direct donations	2	1,113	3,907
Legacies	2	5,000	10,000
Activities for generating funds	3	22,057	6,979
Investment income	4	2	37
Total incoming resources		<u>101,809</u>	<u>172,799</u>
Expenditure on:			
Fundraising expenses and other costs	3	12,057	9,159
Distributions to hospices	5	120,000	130,000
Direct Donations	5	1,113	3,907
Total resources expended		<u>133,170</u>	<u>143,066</u>
Movement in total funds for the year			
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	6	(31,361)	29,733
Total funds at 1 April 2021		47,561	17,828
Total funds at 31 March 2022		<u>16,200</u>	<u>47,561</u>

All funds are unrestricted. Income received for a specific hospice is accounted for within unrestricted funds, if all the funds received are paid over to that hospice before the Charity's year end.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank		21,286	44,933
Debtors	7	4,143	11,848
		<u>25,429</u>	<u>56,781</u>
Creditors: falling due within one year	8	(9,229)	(9,220)
		<u>16,200</u>	<u>47,561</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>16,200</u>	<u>47,561</u>
Net assets			
		<u>16,200</u>	<u>47,561</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	9	16,200	47,561
		<u>16,200</u>	<u>47,561</u>
Total funds		<u>16,200</u>	<u>47,561</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5th September 2022 and signed on their behalf, by:



**David J Scott,
Chairman**

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Friends of Sussex Hospices meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about Friends of Sussex Hospices ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2. Voluntary income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	73,637	151,876
Direct donations (see note 5)	1,113	3,907
Legacies	<u>5,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>79,750</u>	<u>165,783</u>

3. Fundraising activities

	Fundraising income	Fundraising expenditure	Surplus/ (Deficit) 2022	(Deficit) 2021
	£	£	£	£
Events and Functions	<u>22,057</u>	<u>12,057</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>(2,180)</u>
2021	<u>6,979</u>	<u>(9,159)</u>	<u>(2,180)</u>	

4. Investment income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest received	<u>2</u>	<u>37</u>

5. Distribution to hospices

	2022	2021
	£	£
Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice	2,212	2,396
St Catherine's Hospice	13,105	14,197
St Wilfrid's Hospice - Eastbourne	17,726	19,203
Hospice in the Weald	2,751	2,980
The St. Peter and St. James Hospice	7,988	8,654
Martlets Hospice	18,056	19,561
St Michael's Hospice	19,156	20,753
Demelza Hospice Care for Children	836	906
Leo House at Home	1,199	1,299
The Sussex Snowdrop Trust	814	882
The Sussex Beacon	2,883	3,123
St Barnabas House	21,622	23,423
St Wilfrid's Hospice - Chichester	11,652	12,623
	<u>120,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>
Total	<u>120,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>

In addition, donations of £1,113 (2021 £3,907) were received for specific hospices, as part of the charity's fundraising which were passed directly to those charities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

6. Net income

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2021 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2021 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2021 - £NIL).

7. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift aid receivable	2,476	9,820
Prepayments	1,667	2,028
	<u>4,143</u>	<u>11,848</u>

8. Creditors:

Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income in advance and accruals	9,229	9,220
	<u>9,229</u>	<u>9,220</u>

Deferred income and expenditure relate to income and expenditure for events which take place after the financial year end.

9. Statement of funds

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	<u>47,561</u>	<u>101,809</u>	<u>(133,170)</u>	<u>16,200</u>

10. Related Parties Transactions

No transactions with related parties took place during the year (2021 – Nil).

FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES

England & Wales - Charity number 1089306

Accounts

Charity number: 1089306

**FRIENDS OF SUSSEX HOSPICES
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY,
ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Trustees	Christine Field, Chairman Marion Shepherd DL, Vice Chairman Dr David Scott Helen Searle Daphne Slator Christopher Stebbing, Treasurer Edouard Altenhoven (Retired 7 th June 2021) Kathy Gore OBE DL (Retired 7 th June 2021) Dr Ian Gough (Retired 7 th June 2021) Tony Bridger (Resigned 9 th October 2020) Dianne Steele (Resigned 11 th December 2020)
Charity number	1089306
Principal office	The Strakes, Church Hill, West Hoathly, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4PW
Independent Examiner	Lucy Hammond 57 Hillview Crescent East Preston West Sussex BN16 1RG
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4TA Metro Bank PLC One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 18th November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

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**Christine Field,
Chairman**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

This has been the most unusual and challenging year in the 25-year history of the Charity. Even at its commencement, no one could have predicted the impact which the emergence of Covid 19 would have on our daily lives and hence the fund-raising ability of our charity.

Friends of Sussex Hospices has striven to uphold the objectives of the Charity throughout this time, and thanks to a resilient band of volunteers and supporters, has continued to raise money to support the provision of Hospice Care to the people of Sussex, by contributing to 13 Hospices and Hospice Care providers across the County of East and West Sussex. The twin aims of raising awareness of these services and their need for public support has been thrown into even sharper focus as the Hospices themselves struggled to survive financially and to rise to the challenge of extended and extenuated demand for their services.

In September 2020 our long serving Chairman, Kathy Gore, announced her intention to step down from the Chairmanship of the Charity in March 2021 and from her role as Trustee thereafter. In the event, Kathy served until the December Board meeting in order to allow for some succession planning and the Chairmanship was taken on in an interim capacity by fellow Trustee, Christine Field. During the year both Eddie Altenhoven and Ian Gough completed their terms as Trustees. Along with Kathy, they agreed to delay their departure until June 2021 to assist with a longer-term review of the Charity. FSH is immensely grateful to all 3 for the contributions that they have made to the success of the Charity and especially to Kathy Gore, with whose name the Charity, and its success, are virtually synonymous. As if to echo this, the largest single fund-raising contribution of the year came from Kathy. During the months of lockdown, she undertook a complete solo circumnavigation of the Hospice Trail – over 200 miles around the County. This produced £40,000 in sponsorship and donations and attracted significant Press and social media coverage.

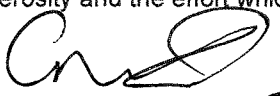
The Board of Trustees has met regularly during the period and took an early decision to cease face to face fund-raising events as the degree of the impact which the Covid pandemic would have on our lives, began to become clear. In a complete change of direction for the charity, two online events were devised and produced, the first a Bridge Bidding Quiz and the second an adaptation of the long-running Mega March Hospice Quiz. Together these raised approximately £8,000. The latter was a joint venture with the 13 Hospices who also raised funds directly from the event.

Special efforts have been made to keep people in touch with the progress of the Charity during the year. The volunteer base of over 200 people relies heavily on those in the demographic groups most impacted by the pandemic. The effect that this will have on our ability to return to former patterns of fund-raising remains to be seen.

Despite the absence of traditional fund-raising for much of the time covered by this report, a total of £159,733 has been raised enabling us to distribute £130,000 to the Hospices during the year. Over 50% of this total has come in the form of grants, donations and In Memoriam contributions from individuals, groups and Trusts. This has revealed a significant and wide-ranging body of support for the Charity throughout the County of Sussex, which the Trustees have endeavoured to acknowledge and celebrate through internal and external communications. It seems fair to say that this serves as testament to the role which the Charity plays within the community.

The Trustees have taken advantage of the absence of regular fund-raising activity and changes in membership, to review and enhance the Governance of the Charity, putting in place a full suite of policies and procedures through which the Charity can continue to develop in a sustained and secure manner.

It has been a challenging year but one from which Friends of Sussex Hospices has sought to draw positives and above all, I would wish to express my thanks to my fellow Trustees and all our supporters for their continued generosity and the effort which they have made to secure the charity's future in these extraordinary times.



Christine Field
Chairman
18th November 2021

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- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act.
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

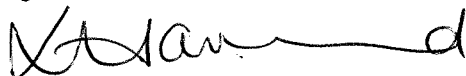
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:



Lucy Hammond FCA

Dated: 3.12.2021

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Income on:			
Incoming resources from generated funds:			
Voluntary income	2	151,876	203,273
Direct donations	2	3,907	9,440
Legacies	2	10,000	4,000
Activities for generating funds	3	6,979	142,131
Investment income	4	37	49
Total incoming resources		<u>172,799</u>	<u>358,893</u>
Expenditure on:			
Fundraising expenses and other costs	3	9,159	92,650
Distributions to hospices	5	130,000	250,000
Direct Donations	5	3,907	9,440
Total resources expended		<u>143,066</u>	<u>352,090</u>
Movement in total funds for the year			
Net surplus for the year	6	29,733	6,803
Total funds at 1 April 2020		17,828	11,025
Total funds at 31 March 2021		<u>47,561</u>	<u>17,828</u>


All funds are unrestricted. Income received for a specific hospice is accounted for within unrestricted funds, if all the funds received are paid over to that hospice before the Charity's year end.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank		44,933	21,010
Debtors	7	11,848	11,143
		<u>56,781</u>	<u>32,153</u>
Creditors: falling due within one year	8	(9,220)	(14,325)
		<u>47,561</u>	<u>17,828</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>47,561</u>	<u>17,828</u>
Net assets			
		<u>47,561</u>	<u>17,828</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	9	47,561	17,828
		<u>47,561</u>	<u>17,828</u>
Total funds		<u>47,561</u>	<u>17,828</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 18th November 2021 and signed on their behalf, by:


Christopher Stebbing,
Treasurer

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Friends of Sussex Hospices meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about Friends of Sussex Hospices ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

2. Voluntary income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	151,876	203,273
Direct donations (see note 5)	3,907	9,440
Legacies	<u>10,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	<u>165,783</u>	<u>216,713</u>

3. Fundraising activities

	Fundraising	Fundraising	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Surplus
	income	expenditure	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Events and Functions	<u>6,979</u>	<u>(9,159)</u>	<u>(2,180)</u>	<u>49,841</u>
2020	<u>142,131</u>	<u>(92,650)</u>	<u>49,481</u>	

4. Investment income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest received	<u>37</u>	<u>49</u>

5. Distribution to hospices

	2021	2020
	£	£
Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice	2,396	5,514
St Catherine's Hospice	14,197	25,720
St Wilfrid's Hospice - Eastbourne	19,203	33,556
Hospice in the Weald	2,980	5,595
The St. Peter and St. James Hospice	8,654	18,703
Martlets Hospice	19,561	39,268
St Michael's Hospice	20,753	31,550
Demelza Hospice Care for Children	906	1,541
Leo House at Home	1,299	645
The Sussex Snowdrop Trust	882	4,005
The Sussex Beacon	3,123	-
St Barnabas House	23,423	54,045
St Wilfrid's Hospice - Chichester	12,623	29,859
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>130,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>

In addition, donations of £3,907 (2020 £9,440) were received for specific hospices, as part of the charity's fundraising which were passed directly to those charities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

6. Net income

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration (2020 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2020 - £NIL).

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2020 - £NIL).

7. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gift aid receivable	9,820	8,035
Prepayments	2,028	3,108
	<u>11,848</u>	<u>11,143</u>

8. Creditors:

Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income in advance	9,220	14,325
	<u>9,220</u>	<u>11,217</u>

Deferred income and expenditure relate to income and expenditure for events which take place after the financial year end.

9. Statement of funds

	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	<u>17,828</u>	<u>172,799</u>	<u>143,066</u>	<u>47,561</u>

10. Related Parties Transactions

No transactions with related parties took place during the year (2020 – Nil).